



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on August 13, 2013, at the Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Vice Chair Peter Geiger; Steven Pound; Martha Harris; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; William Beardsley; Ande Smith; and Kristin Bishop.

Excused: Nichi Farnham

Also present were: Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by Chair, Nancy Perkins: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the July 10, 2013 minutes as written.

Note: Heidi Sampson and Ande Smith joined the meeting at 1:09 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee

The Construction Committee did not meet in August. The Leadership Committee met on July 19, and the Construction Committee has been assigned a portion of the Government Evaluation Act to review and revise. In the past seven years the Construction Committee and the State Board have approved 21 site approvals, 19 concept approvals, and 22 design and funding approvals. Chapter 61 has been revised in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2013. During this time 40 new or renovated schools have been completed. The Committee has testified on dozens of school construction bills, done legislative work, and made presentations. She also has two spreadsheets of all the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond Programs (QSCB) and Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) they have approved. Martha distributed a copy of the revised Chapter 61 Rule "State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects".

Career and Technical Education

The CTE Committee did not meet in August. Meg distributed a written report to the Committee to review. The Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE) Group and the CTE Directors held a meeting on August 8 and 9. Jim Rier did a presentation on the CTE Funding Formula. Steve has invited Jim Rier to the next CTE Committee meeting to do the same presentation. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 4.

Certification and Higher Education

The Certification Committee met on July 1, 2013 and reported out at the July 10, 2013 Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2013. The Committee is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Teacher Preparation Programs to discuss the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) report and the requirements set forth in the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). There are groups coming before the committee with changes that they want made in certification requirements. When requests are made, the committee will ask clarifying questions. If there needs to be further review before the committee acts, the committee will ask the group to provide more information.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Nancy Perkins:

- On July 17, she and Mary met to review and begin revising the Government Evaluation Act. This document needs to be sent to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee by November 1, 2013.
- On July 18, she attended the PICUS Stakeholder's meeting in Portland. She attended Dr. Oden's session. There were administrators, teachers, and school board members in attendance. It was a very good meeting with a lot of discussion. Issues were put before Dr. Oden about the process: class sizes, extended school year and who will pay for it, far more focused professional development to name a few.
- On July 19, the Leadership Committee met and distributed items from the Government Evaluation Act to sub-committees that are responsible for their sections.
- On July 27 through July 30, she was in Washington, DC. On July 27 and 28 she participated on the Study Group "Learner and Learning 2013 and Beyond" and the report from this group will be out this fall. She attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference for the remainder of days. She and Steve Pound participated in a competency based session with Don Siviski and Virgil Hammond. This session concerned the schools in Maine that are doing the competency based. It was well attended.
- On July 31 and August 1, she attended the full PICUS report out to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. The report contains a side-by-side comparison of the EPS system and an evidence based system created by PICUS. Depending upon how the Legislature reacts to the PICUS report, possible Legislative actions might affect our Board. The PICUS group will be meeting with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee in October and in December. She will be sure everybody knows the dates.
- On August 6, she participated in the panel for the selection of the Milken Award winners.

Vice Chair, Peter Geiger:

- He attended the Leadership Committee meeting on July 19.
- On July 26 and 27, he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Board Member Institute.
- He attended the NASBE Annual Conference in Washington, DC.
- He sat in on two days of the PICUS report out. He was expecting some conclusions but it appears to be a work in progress.
- He gave an update on the Maine Teacher of the Year (TOY) Program which he is Board representative on and he is also representing Educate Maine. There were oral presentations that Steve Pound participated in last week. Portfolios are being judged on Wednesday, August 14. On August 21, he will be participating in the finalist interviews. Peter and Educate Maine are thinking about how they can re-engage the TOY program. At one point, before there was any corporate financial support there were eight to twelve nominees for the entire State. At one time it was up to the mid- twenties, almost thirty. They are talking about having a teacher of the year candidate or nominee in every county of the State. Teacher of the Year speaks on a lot of occasions; however, it is nice to have these quadrants of individuals that are equally passionate about education in all parts of the State. There are people that you want to speak on behalf of education. It is a very involved process with a lot of time and effort put into it. As a State Board, we need to be at all of these functions; Teacher of the Year, Milken Awards, and anything else that is positive.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Steven Pound:

- On July 10, he participated in the PICUS Review in Bangor.
- He attended the Leadership Committee meeting on July 19.
- On July 26 to 30, he attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in Washington, DC. which included NASBE Board meetings.
- On August 7, he participated in the Teacher of the Year oral presentations. There were six teachers from kindergarten through high school. There were eight people evaluating them. It was very impressive.
- On July 19, he attended his last State Workforce Investment Board meeting, as he did not seek reappointment on this Board.
- On July 25, he attended the Tri County Local Workforce Investment Board meeting. Both Boards deal with how to run training and provide more money into education.
- On August 6, he went to Aroostook County to participate as a panelist for Aroostook Partners for Progress. It was an Industry and Education Summit. It involves all the school districts from Houlton to Fort Kent, and Madawaska. They are looking at how to involve business with education.
- On August 8, he attended a meeting with the Bangor Chamber of Commerce. Cianbro will become the major sponsor, once again, for the Building Bridges Program. This is the program where they bring teachers out to various industries so they can earn credit towards their certification and at the same time learn about the skills that are needed in business, what the wages are and the job opportunities to keep people/students in Maine.
- On August 9, he attended a Maine Employer's Initiative meeting. They are working with the Adult Education programs in Maine to prepare people for college transition. It is also set up for businesses and industry to get discounts for their employees to go back to school.

- On behalf of Educate Maine he went to the General Electric Conference in Florida. It was based on college and career readiness. It was an outstanding conference. They spoke about Common Core and Next Generation Science. He attended with the Executive Director of Educate Maine.

Jana Lapoint:

- She gave a brief update on the Charter Commission. Two members of the Commission have reached the end of their term. The Commission has advertised and interviewed candidates to fill the two seats. Two names have been selected and will be submitted to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee then will come before the Board for final approval.

William Beardsley:

- He is on the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) Selection Committee for a new Executive Director. The reason he is on it is for the whole education side of it. They have a huge multi-billion dollar next gen education program with Merrill Lynch. He is particularly interested in making sure they hire someone who really understands and plays the lead in loan/tuition reimbursement for selective areas and places that have a hard time finding qualified teachers.
- He attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Board Member Institute in Washington, DC on July 26–27.

Ande Smith:

- He participated in the Charter School Commission meeting where they finalized the two Requests for Proposals (RFP's) that will go out. He spent a fair amount of time working on the timeline. He spent a day interviewing candidates for the Charter Commission.
- He attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Board Member Institute in Washington, DC on July 26-27.

Heidi Sampson:

- She attended Charter School Commission meetings.
- She attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.

Kristin Bishop: (written report)

It is an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to share with others my experience at Girls Nation. It was a true honor to have been chosen as one of two girls from Maine to represent our state at the 2013 Girls Nation conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. This privilege was one that I did not take lightly, and feel so blessed and thankful for the opportunity. From the moment I first attended Girls State to the moment I returned from Girls Nation, I absorbed so much knowledge and witnessed our country's democracy in its greatest form. My passion for government, policy work, leadership, and civic affairs was something I was fortunate to discover at a very young age; my experience at Girls Nation not only reaffirmed this passion but allowed me to meet other young women from across our entire country that shared similar goals and dreams.

My experience at Girls Nation was simply sublime. The opportunities and events hosted by Girls Nation were experiences of a lifetime that allowed me the opportunity to visit places where some of the greatest and historic days of our government originated. Spending just one week in Washington, D.C. opened my eyes to the endless

possibilities our nation hosts for all of its citizens. The love and passion for our country expressed by every girl as well as every staff member involved was not only inspiring and heartwarming, but elicited the auspicious future of our nation.

Each girl attending Girls Nation arrived in the capacity of a Senator from her respective state. Two Girls Nation Senators were sent from forty-nine states, and each state had a piece of legislation that its respective Girls Nation Senators wrote to be debated at the Girls Nation conference. For the week, Girls Nation Senators had the opportunity to campaign for various political and leadership offices, including President of the United States, and advocate for the piece of legislation she and her counterpart authored. Girls Nation allowed young women, like myself, to play active roles in national government and allowed our dreams to soar.

Starting off the week, Girls Nation Senators visited Arlington National Cemetery, observed the Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, had the chance to partake in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb, as well as the opportunity to partake in an Ecumenical service. Senate sessions were integral parts of each day, as well as flag raising and lowering ceremonies. On the second full day of attendance, Girls Nation Senators visited the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for a Wounded Warriors and families barbecue, and had the opportunity to speak with soldiers not much older than I. The third day hosted guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Nesse Godin, as well as a trip to the Lincoln Monument and World War II Memorials. The fourth full day incorporated mock campaign rallies and elections among Girls Nation Senators, as well as trips to the Corcoran Art Gallery and the Pentagon Memorial, which impacted me greatly. The fifth day of attendance provided the opportunity for Girls Nation Senators to spend the day on Capitol Hill, and meet with each Girls Nation Senators respective state Senators and Representatives. I had the opportunity to meet Senator Angus King, Senator Susan Collins, and Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. The opportunity to visit the many historic sites on Capitol Hill was overwhelming and truly astounding; along with meeting my state's respective Senators and Representatives, I also had the opportunity to visit the House of Representatives Gallery. Girls Nation hosted our inauguration ceremony on this day as well, and allowed our mock government to become complete. The final full day at Girls Nation allowed me the privilege and honor of visiting the White House. This opportunity allowed me to tour portions of the East Wing with my fellow Girls Nation as well as Boys Nation Senators, and meet, as well as be photographed, with the President of the United States, President Barack Obama. Visiting the White House allowed me the privilege of standing where some of our country's greatest historical figures once stood, and was an experience I cannot put into words.

The experience I had at Girls Nation exposed me to the diversity that makes this country so great. From flag ceremonies, and senate sessions, to guest speakers, party caucuses, and making friends from across the entire country, Girls Nation was an experience that I will never forget. Girls Nation was comprised of young women and young leaders from across our entire nation that value our nation and the principles in which we stand for. To be mentored with such passion by previous Girls Nation delegates and American Legion Auxiliary Staff was truly extraordinary. The magnanimous, driven, and intelligent young women I was surrounded by for one week taught me lessons that will last me an lifetime. I feel so truly blessed to have had the opportunity and privilege of representing Maine at the 2013 Girls Nation conference.

The American Legion Auxiliary supports and funds all the expenses associated with Girls Nation, from travel and living accommodations to all the excursions and privileges associated. I am so greatly appreciative of all the support the American Legion Auxiliary

offered to me, as well as 97 other young women from across our entire country. I have gained so much knowledge from my experience at Girls Nation.

My love of government, civic engagement, leadership, and policy work is constantly growing. Ever since I was in fourth grade, I have known that my true calling is in government and civic affairs. I feel that leadership is not an act that one performs, but an attribute instilled in a person that can never be removed. I have always listened to the leader inside of me, and it has led me on a path with experiences, such as the opportunity of being one of two Girls to represent Maine at Girls Nation, that I could have never imagined. Government truly feels like home to me. The will and drive to inspire others, I feel, are the sparks that make American government unlike any other. Each opportunity I have had in my leadership journey has only strengthened my desire to work in government. I thank the State Board of Education for their interest and support of my trip to Girls Nation.

- There is a local facility in the Greater Waterville area that is hosting for young girls, two different events where they will be reading STEM books.

Martha Harris:

- She attended the PICUS all day workshop in Presque Isle on July 16. The people in the County were very grateful that a member of the State Board came to the workshop. It was a very nice group of people. The teachers are particularly concerned about the proficiency based compensation which was the case at other meetings around the state. The next day she attended the two hour evening meeting that was held for the public in Bangor. There were many teachers, two legislators and Dr. Phil McCarthy in attendance. She had an opportunity to speak with Larry Picus at the end of the meeting.
- She attended the Leadership meeting on July 19.
- She attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in July. She attended a presentation by Tony Wagner on Deeper Learning, a social and emotional intelligence presentation, the National Teacher of the Year, and many more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall Meeting Locations (Peter Geiger):

- The September 11th meeting will be held at Gray-New Gloucester High School.
- The October 9th meeting will be at Montello Elementary School in Lewiston.
- The November 13th meeting will be held at Deer Isle Stonington High School.

BUDGET:

Steve Pound presented the Board's budget with explanation of expenditures to date, along with the reductions for the 2014 and 2015 years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the August 13, 2013 State Board of Education meeting at 1:50 PM.